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# The Parthenon

Marshall University

Thursday, Feb. 15, 1990

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## Budget ax may cleave 28 faculty, staff posts

By Susan Douglas Hahn  
Reporter

CHARLESTON — Marshall may lose 28 faculty and staff positions over the next two years as the result of Department of Education and the Arts reductions in compliance with Gov. Gaston Caperton's hiring freeze.

The Office of the Governor recently approved a targeted reduction goal of 220 positions by Dec. 31, 1991, for the Depart-

ment of Education and the Arts, according to a memo from Stephen E. Haid, secretary of Education and the Arts.

West Virginia University would have to reduce faculty and staff by 113 positions.

James J. Schneider, director of facilities and finance for higher education, said the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors have the option of changing the proportion within the systems they govern.

"Under the guidelines there are two op-

tions. The governor's order calls for the elimination of one of every two positions that become vacant to reduce the total number of state employees by 1,500 positions by the end of 1991," Schneider said. "Or, we can reduce the number of positions by a targeted number over a two year period, which leaves the institutions to make the decisions on where to make the reductions."

"This option gives the institutions flexi-

bility to fill positions that need to be filled and leave the ones you don't need to fill vacant. And as long as we stay on a guide or path to achieve the reduction that is required, we'll be in compliance," Schneider said.

"The premise behind it all is that we can recapture the money that is saved from those positions and use it to address some of the high priority needs like faculty and staff salaries," Schneider said.



Photo by Chris Hancock

### Now who's king of the hill?!

Officer Mark D. Rhodes of the Marshall University Police Department chases six students off a pile of rubble at Central Field Tuesday. The students had perched themselves on the

mound supposedly to rate the spirit and enthusiasm of passersby. They also rated spring wardrobes, which were sported by many in the spring-like weather.

## Walkout affects student teachers

By Heather Smith  
Reporter

When some Cabell County teachers "walk-out" today in an effort to attract the attention of the Legislature, their students won't be the only ones getting to cut class.

Students in EDF218 will not be expected to attend their respective public schools today because of the strike, according to Pamela Skaggs, coordinator of student clinical studies.

According to the Marshall student teacher handbook, students may not:

- attend any meetings at their schools or anywhere else in which work stoppages are discussed.

- are not to cross picket lines
- if their teacher is absent they are not be used as a covering substitute.

"Marshall student teachers are advised to stay home to avoid any conflict that may occur," said Dr. Roscoe Hale, chairman of teacher education.

"Our concern is that they don't get caught in the middle," said Dr. Jack Jervis, clinical director of student teaching.

Cabell County students won't be attending classes because of a lack of teachers in the classroom, said Becky Rowsey, spokeswoman for Jerry Brewster, superintendent.

The teachers are expected to attend class as usual, she added. Those who don't will be docked pay for that day.

Dawn Jenkins, a teacher at Huntington High School, said she and many others have decided to strike because the students won't be attending class.

"Many (teachers) were holding back because they were worried about their students missing instructional time," she said.

Cabell is not the only county involved in the strike. Lincoln County schools also may be closing their doors, according to Steve Priestly, superintendent.

Priestly reported Wednesday that 215 out of 341 teachers will be participating in the "walk out".

Wayne County Schools reportedly will be in session.

If the teacher strike were to continue for more than one day, Marshall students in EDF218 probably would be required to make up the time they missed in the public schools, Skaggs said.

"We would certainly have to find a way to accommodate the students," she said.

## BOT delays decision on master's for nursing

By Susan Douglas Hahn  
Reporter

CHARLESTON — A decision on funding a master's degree program for Marshall's School of Nursing was delayed until the March 14 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At the meeting of the Committee on Academic, Research and Service Programs Wednesday morning, Dr. Carolyn Gunning, dean of the School of Nursing, presented a request in support of a proposed master's program.

"I know economics is an issue, but this

program is absolutely necessary at this time in terms of health care needs of West Virginia," Gunning said.

Committee members expressed concern about the projected cost of the program, however, Gunning said there was indication from legislators that the cost would eventually be incorporated into the overall allocation made to the university.

Maestra Rachael Worby, committee vice chairwoman, said she spent 20-25 hours researching the needs for rural health care programs in the state. She also said she has talked to several nurses and doctors con-

cerning these issues.

"I feel it would be ill-advised at this point to go ahead with this program. West Virginia University and Marshall University together should come up with a completely different method of program delivery to create a different kind of program, Worby said.

"If we consider the Carnegie Report, we would be remiss to recommend a program that is duplicative in nature," Worby said.

Although the Carnegie Report suggests

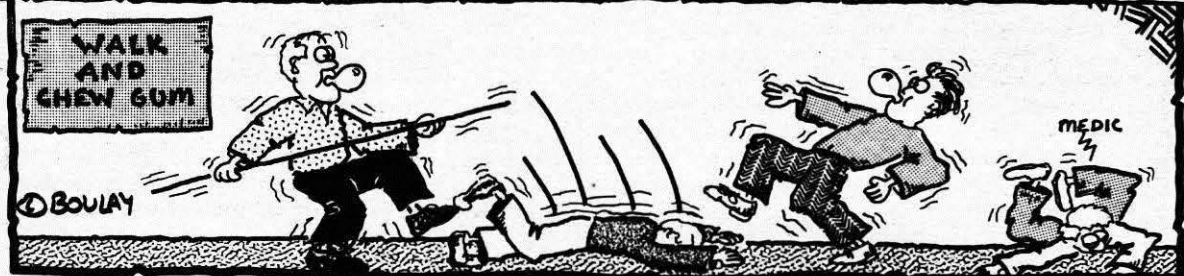
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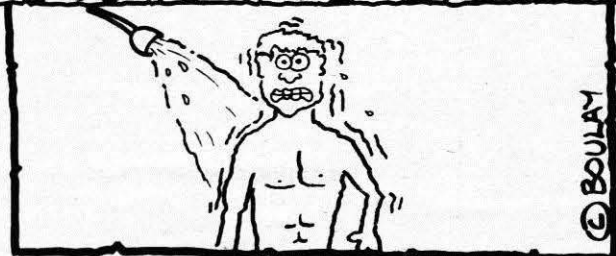
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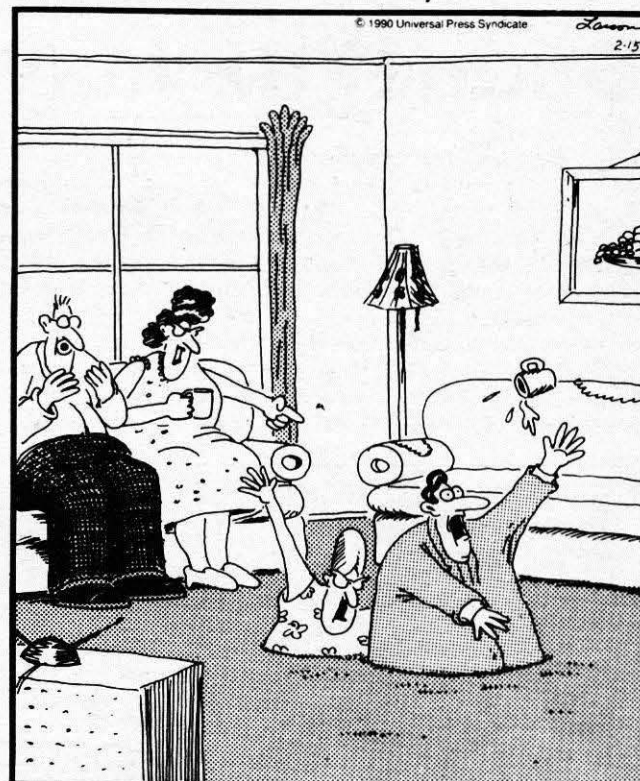
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



And down they went: Bob and Francine — two more victims of the La Brea Carpets.

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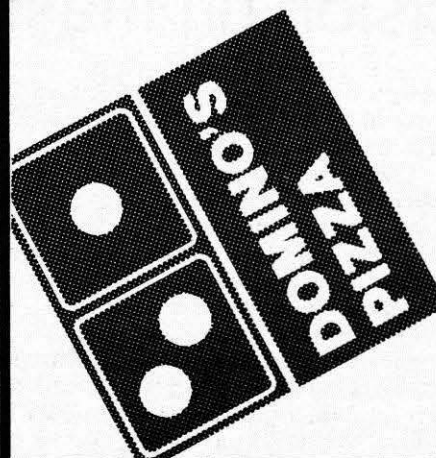
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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Profs could get butt of state cuts

**S**ecretary of Education Stephen Haid and the state government are bass backwards when it comes to what's good for higher education.

Marshall, along with several other state schools, has a steadily increasing number of students but a shortage of professors.

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So what does Haid propose? Cutting 220 higher education positions statewide (28 from Marshall).

Are we missing something here? When the number of students increases, that's usually an indication that the number of professors also should be increased.

However, since 1974 Marshall's enrollment has increased by nearly 3,000 students, yet it has fewer full-time faculty members.

We realize the state is in a financial bind, but there must be other places cuts can be made. Why is Marshall building a \$30 million football stadium? Why is Marshall building a \$11 million fine arts facility when there may not be enough professors to teach the students majoring in the arts.

We also realize these projects are important for luring the best students to Marshall, but something has to go and it shouldn't be the heart and soul of the university — its professors.

If nothing else, Marshall and other state institutions should consider putting a cap on enrollment. What good is accepting 13,000 students if you can't give them a proper education.

Mr. Haid: We know you are caught in a difficult situation, but if professors are cut, you and the state need a kick in the you-know-what to get you turned in the right direction.

Free expression on the run

## Movie censorship shows ignorance

*"What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist. Without the freedom to challenge, even to satirize all orthodoxies, including religious orthodoxies, it ceases to exist."*

— Salman Rushdie

The quote by the author of "The Satanic Verses" answers the question being raised about recent attempts by many fundamentalist Christians to silence those whose thoughts and expressions on religion conflict with their own.

When "The Last Temptation of Christ" was released in 1988, it was met with a storm of controversy from many fundamentalist Christians who were angry about the way Jesus Christ was depicted in the film.

Many of these people had not even seen the film or read the 1955 novel by Nikos Kazantzakis on which the movie was based, yet blindly followed a group who said "The Last Temptation of Christ" was wrong.

Now even colleges, formerly thought to be bastions of free thinking, are not safe from censorship in the name of God.

Consider, for example, an article in a recent issue of the Furman University newspaper, The Paladin, in which it was reported that a university organization had been pressured not to show "The Last Temptation of Christ" on campus.

The Furman Philosophy Club had planned to show "The Last Temptation of Christ" Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

University President John E. Johns received a letter Jan. 22 from Columbia, S.C., pastor Fred Miller, which included an anonymous plea from a Furman student asking that Miller stop the "blasphemous" movie from being shown.

Apparently Baptist pastors throughout South Carolina received copies of the same letter.

After the "intense urging," Johns contacted the chairman of the philosophy department about speaking with the Philosophy Club. Johns claimed he was worried about the possible "negative impact of having such a controversial film on campus."

Johns met with the club, asking that the students strongly reconsider their decision to show the film on campus.

He said the movie would have a strong effect on the Greenville community, the Board of Trustees and the

Kevin Melrose  
GRAPHICS EDITOR



South Carolina Southern Baptist Convention. Showing "The Last Temptation of Christ" also would be "detrimental to the long-range goals of Furman."

Johns supported his decision saying, "Nobody loves to be a censor, but there comes a time when you have to make hard decisions about what is the best thing for the institution."

Apparently Johns did not care about the open-minded students, faculty and citizens who might like to watch the film. Who cares about individuals? Only the image of the university matters.

The Philosophy Club met and decided to move the showing of the film off campus.

College, where students should be encouraged to think differently and where many question what they were taught, is becoming a place where censorship runs rampant and students are no longer allowed to make decisions for themselves.

Although every person has a right to disagree with and show disapproval for a piece of work, that person does not and should not have the right to keep others from seeing it.

Citing "blasphemy" as one reason for halting the showing of the film, protesters have attempted to prevent people from watching "The Last Temptation of Christ" across the country.

In this case and many others, "blasphemy" is just another excuse for censorship.

Those who attempt to prevent others from seeing "The Last Temptation of Christ" only succeed in showing their ignorance — an ignorance of the rights of others and of those whose thinking is different from their own.

No creative piece should be restricted and no topic should have to be avoided. If those who believe anyone who thinks differently about their religion is a blasphemer, so be it — they should be allowed to think whatever they want. Just like everyone else.

## Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for someone else's negligence

To the Editor:

In regard to Staff Editor Chris Stadelman's commentary in the Feb. 9 issue of The Parthenon, I believe that one rebuttal needs to be stated. Our government, whether local, state or federal, cannot be held responsible for the upbringing of an unwanted or impoverished child.

The bill introduced by Del. Pat White would place financial responsibility for the care of a child on someone who prohibits a woman from having an abortion, if the baby is not then adopted. This proposal, which Mr. Stadelman feels is so "brilliant," is at best ludicrous.

I agree with Mr. Stadelman that abortion is wrong, but I strongly disagree with his other points. There are opinions among scientists as to exactly when life begins, but at any point abortion is murder. Is it logical for anyone to say that death is "sometimes better than the alternative

of life?

Children with birth defects or learning disorders may not have a great deal to look forward to, but they at least have their lives. People who cannot afford to raise children shouldn't have them to begin with. And, contrary to some beliefs, adoption is a good alternative to abortion.

Also, right-to-life supporters' argument that taxpayers should not be held responsible for a woman's actions is not flawed. They believe that people should be responsible for themselves, as in abstinence from sex or birth control, not having an abortion.

The only other point on which I agree with Mr. Stadelman in that I too believe this bill is bound to be defeated. The government and taxpayers simply cannot be held financially responsible for someone else's negligence.

Mathew Jarvis  
Charleston sophomore

## Policies

**Calendar:** The Parthenon has designed Calendar as a free service for campus groups and organizations to advertise their activities. Items are published on a space-available basis.

Information for Calendar must be submitted by noon two days before publication on forms available in The Parthenon newsroom, Smith Hall 311.

**Letters:** The Parthenon welcomes letters concerning the Marshall University community.

All letters to the editor must be signed and include the address and telephone number of the author.

Letters should be typewritten and no longer than 200 words. The Parthenon reserves the right to edit letters.

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# Recruiting not restricted to athletes

By Thomas Miller  
Reporter

Marshall's recruiting team is using everything but a yellow brick road to lead students to this university.

Dr. James Harless, director of admissions and records, is also director of recruiting. "There are many ways students can make the decision to come to Marshall. Whether it be by books listing colleges and their curriculum, pamphlets the school sends out, computer programs, or other recruiting methods schools use," he said.

But sometimes it's just luck that pairs the student and Marshall, Harless said.

"A lot of students from areas we can't reach in our recruiting usually find us by computer references whereas they type in what they are looking for in a college and our name comes up as meeting their needs."

Harless said although many methods of

**"We wear out a lot of tires  
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ing."**

**Dr. James Harless**

recruiting are used, personal contact is what really increases the student population.

"We wear out a lot of tires and go through a lot of gas when we hit the road recruiting," he said.

Harless said a team of recruiters, including himself, annually goes to approximately 250 high schools and the team sees more than 2,000 students while recruiting. Harless team normally visits schools on "Col-

lege Day" or some similar activity when colleges and universities are able to set up stands and distribute information.

Harless said that schools targeted for recruiting are in West Virginia, southern Ohio, and eastern Kentucky. Metropolitan areas such as Washington, D.C., Roanoke, Va., and Cleveland, Ohio are also concentrated areas of recruiting.

Tamara Eubanks, minority admissions counselor and university recruiter, said she gives students a general overview of what Marshall has to offer. "I generally give students the basic outlines in areas such as admissions regulations, financial aid, and minority scholarships we offer," Eubanks said.

Harless also said exceptional students are singled out and recruited because of their high academic standing.

Marshall University recruiting generally starts in the fall and ends in March.

# Weeks' work strong enough to be printed

By Jack Bailey  
Staff Writer

A professor of biological sciences, will have a research article published in the upcoming issue of the nationally distributed magazine, *Economic Botany*.

Dr. Thomas E. Weeks' article will appear in the spring quarterly issue, and concerns his use of the water hyacinth (a floating plant) to treat waste water. "We tested the possibility of using the water hyacinth to reduce the acidity in heavy waters, and especially we concentrated on mine water that runs off into settlement ponds," Weeks said.

"Through our research we were able to come up with a process for the reclamation of ponds that had been infested with acid mine water," he said.

Weeks said he used Marshall's greenhouse for most of his lab work. "I also spent a couple of years doing field research."

Weeks has just completed work on a research project at Beach Fork Lake that was sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers.

"That project involved the use of fans to mix water and oxygen in lakes. The purpose was to try to get the oxygen that mixes with the water near the surface to mix with the water that is lower in the lakes. We wanted to prove that if this could be done then fish

would be able to live in the deeper and cooler parts of the lake."

Weeks worked in conjunction with two other Marshall biological science professors, Dr. Donald Tarter and Dr. Dean Adkins, on the project.

"We have been working on the project since 1985, and even though this is the end of our funding we would like to see the project go another 10 or 20 years," Weeks said.

"We are currently working on the final report to submit to the Corp of Engineers. We think that the research was a success because the fans were found to have positive results on the biological systems."

# Roll out the lions, you'll have a road full of cowards

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Lions may be the kings of the jungle, but two of them cowered in fear when they found themselves in the middle of a busy highway.

The pair fell out of a trailer during the rush hour Tuesday on Interstate 40. A witness said the trailer door opened and the lions "just rolled out."

"We don't know how it came open," according to owner Jerry Garrett, a pet shop proprietor in Purcell who was pulling the trailer. "After they landed they just sat there and cowered. They were scared."

Neither of the lions, Sampson or Casey, was injured in the fall.

Animal control officers used a tranquilizer gun to sedate them before using nooses to load them back into the trailer.

"They were pretty docile. We just took precautions," said Lt. Stewart Meyer, highway patrol spokesman.

Barrett said the animals were used for shows, promotions and education.

His store was fined \$1,000 in June after Sampson, then a 7-month-old cub, knocked its cage open and bit a 6-year-old girl.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture alleged the store was negligent in handling and housing the lions there.

Barrett said he was moving the lions from the store to a 68-acre ranch he owns in Purcell, where they are to be put on display behind 12-foot fences.

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# Autism center quietly, uniquely a success

By Michael Belcher  
Reporter

There are unique jobs and then there are unique jobs, but working at Marshall's Autism Training Center may redefine the term.

Autism is a neurological developmental disability that affects about five of every 10,000 births. It usually is diagnosed within the first three years of a child's life, and is characterized by descriptive behavioral traits. Last year, the film "Rain Man" brought more attention to autism.

Each autistic client is unique, making it difficult to categorize the disability.

"There is different behavior in every autistic client, just like we all behave differently," said D. Greg Deaton, educational specialist at the center. "It's really hard to describe autistics in general because each case is so individualistic."

One of the most recognizable symptoms of autism is speech impairment, or the lack of communication abilities.

"Generally, our interventions deal with their very low social abilities," Deaton said. "They usually test in the retarded range because of their lack of communication abilities, so we usually start our introduction with that. They may not know speech, but they may know some method to get their messages across."

The center, located on the third floor of Old Main, was created by legislative mandate in 1983 to provide state-wide services and training to autistic clients, their families and teachers. Today its funding is specially appropriated by the state government and separate from Marshall's funds.

The training specialists employed by the center provide initial assessments, training and follow-ups to autistic and autistic-like clients of any age, said Dr. Carol A. Vickers, dean of the College of Education.

"Before the clinic started at Marshall, there were only privately funded clinics," said Vickie S. Hensley, also an educational specialist. "Now, we are a state-wide service, and that is a very big improvement. The

fact is, the public school system is ultimately responsible for the children's education, but they simply don't have the funding needed to accommodate them. That is where we come in. The real goal is to see the autistic children integrate with others in normal classes and school functions."

Despite the enthusiasm of all involved, the center still is relatively small.

"There are only five training specialists, and we have about 30 clients that we see across the state," Deaton said. "The areas we cover are geographically divided into about 12 counties each, so we spend a lot of time off campus and in their homes and schools."

## Speak loudly, but don't carry a stick

High school speech students from three states, West Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan, will attend Marshall's annual speech tournament Friday and Saturday, according to graduate student Kendra Samson.

"We are expecting 27 to 30 schools," she said. "Huntington East and Huntington High are sending teams and Barboursville usually participates, although they haven't called to confirm yet."

The deadline for entering was Wednesday. As of Tuesday, approximately 350 people were signed up, Samson said.

The students are given their topics prior to the tournament in every event but extemporaneous, which deals with current events and impromptu. The events range from interpretations of poetry and prose to debate.

Students are divided into groups of six and compete against each other with one judge officiating, according to Samson. Students are ranked from one to six and

after three preliminary rounds, the top six advance to the final round.

However, if there is an abundance of participants, a semifinal round will take place.

Several of the judges are members of Marshall's faculty. Also, some of the high schools, depending on their size, are required to bring a judge.

Because of the large number of participants, competitions will be in most of the classroom buildings, Samson said.

"This sort of competition gives students the chance to be on campus and get a feel for the college," she said. "A lot of the students that come to the tournament come back to Marshall for their college education, so the tournament is good exposure for the whole university."

The first round begins Friday at 2 p.m., with the competition concluding Saturday afternoon. The awards ceremony is 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

## Key to racism lies in the past

Understanding the past is the key to understanding racism today, Dr. Manning Marable, noted social critic and syndicated columnist, said in a speech Tuesday in the Don Morris Room.

Marable was speaking as part of Marshall's recognition of Black History Month.

"People who don't understand the past can't create the future," Marable said. He added the new historical period must be confronted. The issues of today are not the same as in the '50s and '60s, Marable said.

He said the major issue facing blacks today is not signs designating areas for blacks and whites, as it was in the '60s, but violence: the violence of the law, health care, education and unemployment.

The violence of law is that "justice is

not color-blind in the American system," Marable said. He said the crimes of the poor are judged in one context and the crimes of the rich are judged in another context.

Marable said the United States and South Africa are the only civilized countries that do not have comprehensive health care programs. Because most blacks cannot afford health care, they delay going to the doctor until it's too late to help them, he said.

In the 1980s there has been a decrease in the number of blacks receiving degrees and doctorates, although the black population has increased, Marable said.

"There is a new segregation by education: the educated haves and the uneducated have-nots," he said.

Unemployment is affecting everyone, not just blacks, Marable said.

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# Want a good job? Better get good grades

By Joe Stanley  
Reporter

Before blowing off that next test, be advised, employers know when grades have been high or low so they better be good, for goodness' sake.

Grades can be very important in landing that first job, according to several sources in the Huntington community.

"College grades can be crucial to that first good job," according to Dr. Carolyn M. Karr, chairwoman of Curricular and Instructional Support Leadership Stud-

ies.

"Employers look at overall grades when hiring," Karr said. Good grades "show good work habits and a sense of striving," she said.

"I believe there is a correlation between grades and performance on a job," said Reginald A. Spencer, placement director at Marshall's Career Planning and Placement Center.

"Overall, directions given in class are similar to directions given in a job," Spencer said. Also, students must have a minimum G.P.A. to even apply for some

jobs. Chances for jobs in the computer science and accounting fields depend highly on grades, he said.

"College G.P.A. does have merit for use in personnel selection," according to a study published in the Summer 1989 edition of Public Personnel Management. The study further states that G.P.A. predicts performance in formal training sessions.

"Employers should consider that training on-the-job or formal is often a major component of job performance in entry-level selection," the article stated.

"Grades are important, but they're not the only thing we look at" when hiring college graduates, said Denise G. Welker, communications manager for Inco Alloys International in Huntington.

We try to determine the applicant's grasp of the subject matter and level of maturity in an interview.

She said Inco also looks at the level of course work and any job experience.

"Competition is very strong, and I encourage students to get as well prepared as possible. This includes (getting good) grades," Welker said.

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## Nursing

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that programs not be duplicated in the university system to eliminate unnecessary competition, it also states, "if the health care needs of West Virginia are to be met, programs at all levels are to be coordinated."

Worby said this route "represents the old way and we are looking for a new way in health education."

Some board members said they felt money could be saved by starting an extension of the WVU master's program in nursing.

The funding request for the master's program would go to pay additional faculty, and if the program was set up through WVU, additional faculty would still be needed and therefore, additional money would also be needed, Gunning said.

"There is nothing wrong with saying, 'hey wait a minute, there is a better way,' or 'we ought to go in a different direction,' but that doesn't mean we can't continually improve on what we have laid out," President Dale F. Nitzschke said.

He also said it could become a problem of establishing the priorities of our own institutions if the board members were going to tell the institutions how to allocate resources.

"I feel we are running into a real problem in terms of establishing the priorities that are necessary within our own institutions," Nitzschke said.

He said programs come before the board because they are needed and the need for a rural health care program is especially necessary in the southern part of the state, and it is "evidenced by the intense interest of the Legislature in seeing that program built."

"To reallocate funds is not realistic, we just don't have it," said Provost Alan B. Gould. "It is imperative that we move towards programs that get the federal dollars."

Gould also said federal government officials think the program proposal is sound and the legislators agree.

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# Sports

## QB changes mind

### After commitment to MU, recruit picks Arkansas over Herd

By Steven J. Keith  
Sports Editor

After verbally committing last week to play football at Marshall, Oklahoma quarterback recruit Jason Allen told Head Football Coach Jim Donnan Tuesday that he planned to sign with Arkansas instead.

Both schools had been recruiting Allen heavily.

Allen, a quarterback from Edmond High School, said his decision was not an easy one. "It was a very hard decision," Allen was quoted in an article in The Herald-Dispatch yesterday. "Coach Donnan is a good friend and I have a lot of respect for him." Allen said he just felt he may have a better opportunity at Arkansas. The Razorbacks have won their conference championship the past two years.

After visiting the Marshall campus two weeks ago, Allen said he was very impressed with the school and its football program. "I loved it there and I love the way people supported football," he said. "Marshall is an up and coming school. The program is in good hands with Coach Donnan. The success they've had will continue."

As a senior, Allen completed 98 of 178 passes for 1,402 yards, 15 touchdowns and five interceptions. He led his school to a 12-2 record and the state championship last year.

Even though Allen slipped away from the Herd, Donnan said he still hopes to sign about 20 players. Possible recruits could begin signing national letters of intent Wednesday.

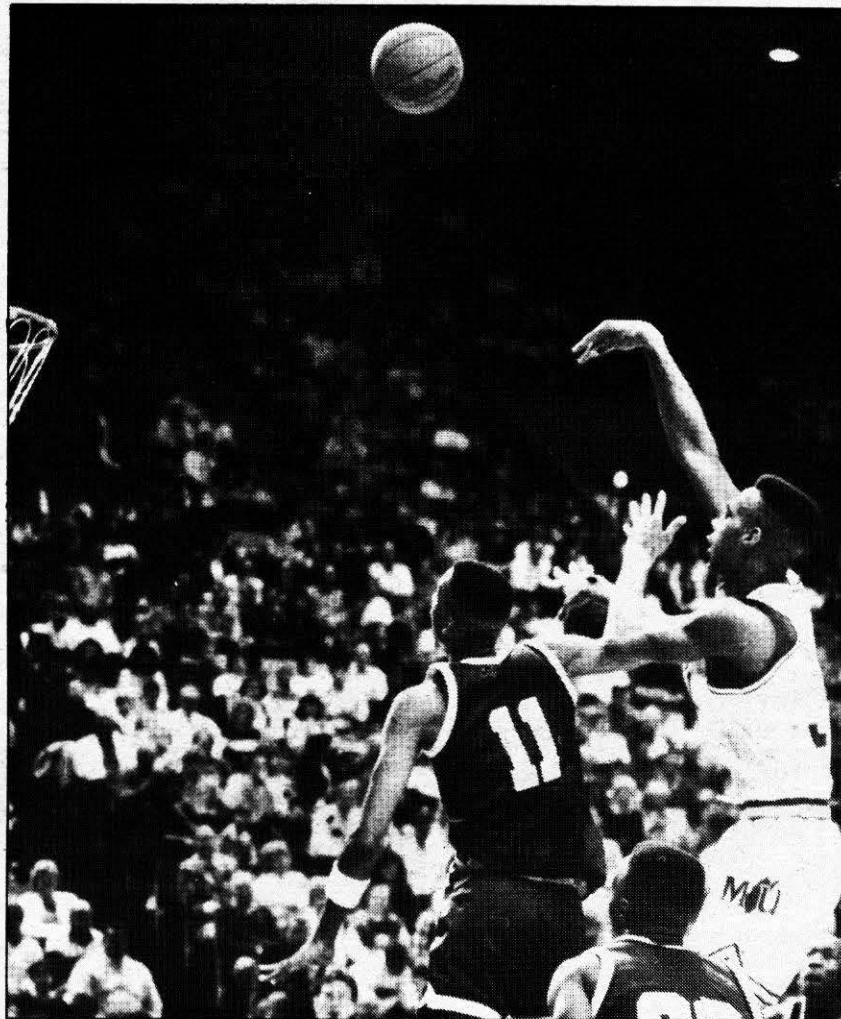


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## Swishin' and Swatin'

Senior center Omar Roland shoots a jumper during the Herd's game against conference-leading East Tennessee Jan. 29 at the Henderson Center. Roland now has 85 blocked shots on the season edging towards the current conference record of 93 held by George Singleton of Furman.

## Officials need to 'weed' problems out of athletes' drug testing policy

What's wrong with this picture?

A Marshall University student athlete must test positive for drug use four times before he or she is permanently suspended from the team and recommended to no longer receive an athletic scholarship. Four times!

What school would have a drug testing program allowing an athlete to be caught using drugs four times before anything "major" is done? Well Marshall does, and I don't think that's something it should be proud of.

With today's increasing problem of drug abuse and the tendency for many athletes to use drugs for "enjoyment" or to better their bodies (e.g. steroids), many schools have adopted drug-testing programs. These programs are designed to test all students involved in athletics to try to eliminate the use of drugs. Marshall does have such a policy, which even includes educating athletes on the effects and consequences of drug abuse. Hooray for Marshall for adopting such a program, but university and athletic department officials need to sit down and decide if MU's policy is serving its intended purpose.

The lack of strict enough penalties is a major problem. On a first offense, the athlete's coach is told and the player is

Steven J. Keith  
SPORTS EDITOR



recommended for counseling. That's it. A second offense calls for the same "penalties," plus two closed-group sessions, notification of parents and suspension for five days, one game and additional testing throughout the year.

The only additional penalty for a third offense is suspension for 10 days and two games. Finally, on a fourth offense, the player is suspended from the team. I'm all for giving individuals a second chance, but when it comes to something as serious as drug abuse, I think four chances is a bit much.

These students are representing other students, the university and the entire community and it is necessary that they convey a positive, clean image. And if an athlete continually tests positive, over and over again, he or she needs help — serious help. And they aren't going to get it on the playing field.

In addition to the lack of strict enough

penalties, there are also loopholes regarding how athletes are tested. The policy calls for all athletes to be tested every September and January and prior to any post-season play, all of which the athlete knows about in advance. Even if an athlete is taking drugs, he or she can quit a few weeks in advance in order to test negative.

The policy also calls for random testing, but this is limited, and according to a few athletes I have talked to, there really isn't much "spontaneity" to it. Many said they are given enough hints ahead of time to know that testing is coming up soon. That's not going to be very effective in trying to eliminate such problems. Here again, the athlete is going to have time to prepare.

Admittedly, there are some good points to the program, but there are far too many inconsistencies that merit further attention. A successful program needs to not only be fair to the athletes, but also strict enough to work and do some good. It's doubtful that any program, regardless of how strict, is going to eliminate drug abuse. Through careful consideration, discussion and a reworking of guidelines, however, the program can work to help reduce a constantly growing problem. It can work, but not by itself.

## Southern Conference Basketball Standings

### Men's

1. East Tennessee	9-2
2. MARSHALL	7-3
3. Appalachian	6-5
4. VMI	5-5
5. Furman	4-6
6. Citadel	4-6
7. UTC	4-7
8. Western Carolina	3-8

### Women's

1. Furman	6-1
2. Appalachian	5-2
3. UTC	4-3
4. East Tennessee	3-3
5. MARSHALL	1-5
6. Western Carolina	0-5



# Impressions

## Marshall on 'A' list with name artists

By Brian D. Jack  
Reporter

Broadway plays, renowned musicians and acrobats are just a few of the multicultural events presented by the Marshall Artist Series.

Diverse scheduling has made Marshall a prime attraction to performers from throughout the country, according to Celeste Winters Nunley, series director.

"Agents say that Marshall is on the 'A' list," said Nunley. Information from agencies is arriving everyday and they "call constantly," she said.

The good reputation makes it easier for the series to complete its goal of "bringing quality performers in context with the performing arts and education," according to David G. Todd, artist series advisory board chairman.

"We try to move in a direction that stretches one's appreciation of the arts," Todd said.

An important part in the success of the series is an adequately funded budget. The current one, which is around \$300,000 a year, has enabled the series to meet its goals, Todd said.

"The Artist Series has made a concerted effort to stay within the budget, and yet still bring quality performers," he said.

The average cost to bring in a group or performer is \$20,000, though it can cost as much as \$40,000, Nunley said.

According to Nunley many people forget about the costs of renting the facility, stage hands and equipment. "An average Broadway production costs about \$20,000, while Isaac Stern was \$37,500," she said.

Nunley said dealing with performer's quirks is another in-

**"The Artist Series has made a concerted effort to stay within the budget, and yet still bring quality performers,"**

David G. Todd

teresting feature of the series.

"Performers don't always live up or down to their reputation," she said. "Issac Stern wouldn't play with the air conditioner on and wouldn't let us tell anyone in the auditorium."

"Dealing with the temperamental, pampered artist-type can always be trying," Gregory R. Leaming, graduate assistant to the artist's series said.

The return of the Foreign Film Festival this year has been a "phenomenal success," according to Leaming. After officials said they expected only 30 to 40 people at each film, the turnout has been closer to 75 or 100, Leaming said.

Though the films have a narrower audience, "It is a very strong and faithful one," according to Todd. "The films bring a different dimension and stimulate people's thoughts."

Since meeting the desires of the audience is the goal of the series, there will be some additions to next year's schedule, Nunley said.

"There will be some daytime events and the Black Light Theater," said Nunley.

Black Light Theater is popular in Europe, Nunley said. It utilizes black lights to bring out colors and objects while hiding the actors who operate them.

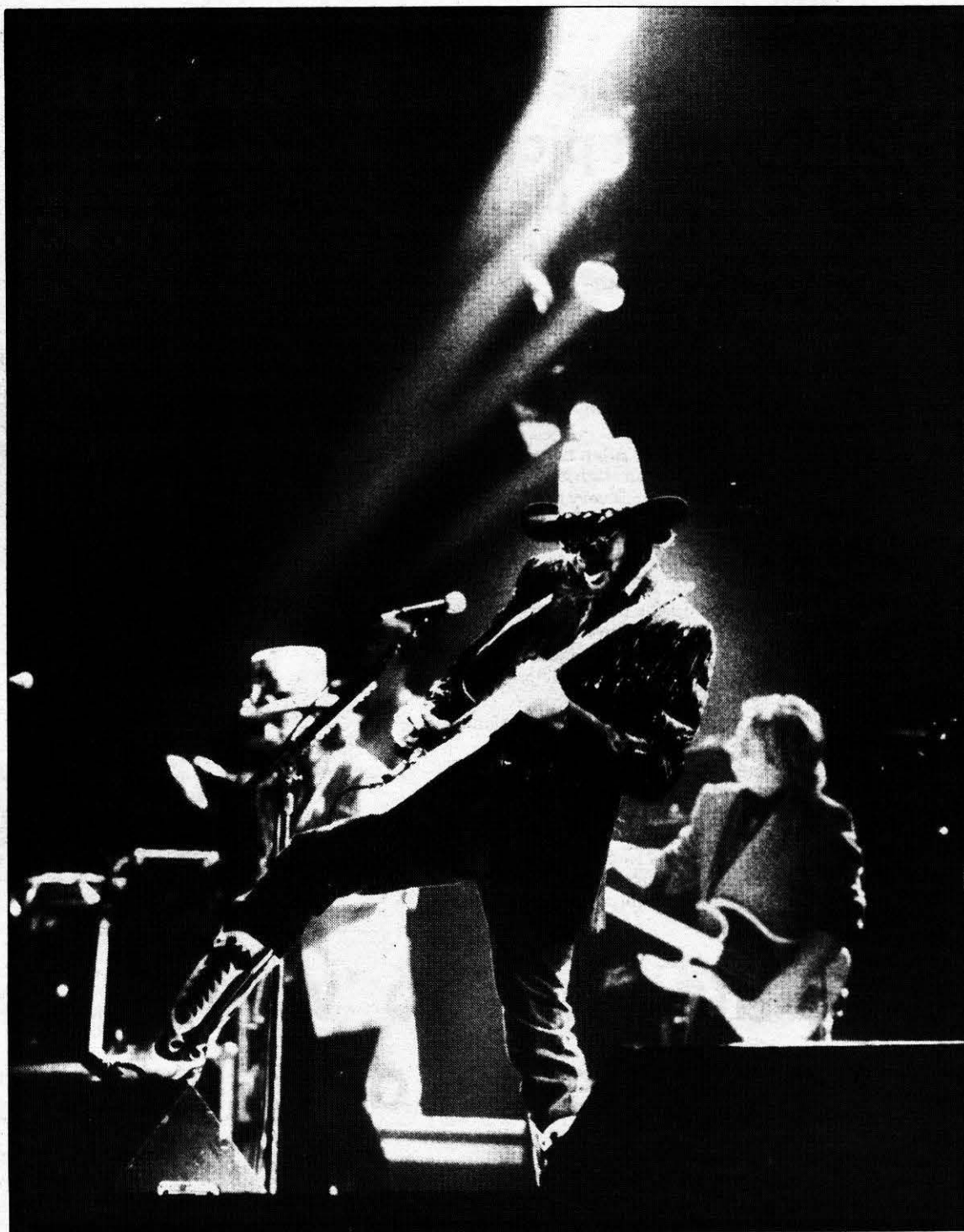


Photo courtesy of Entertainment Artists

Hank Williams Jr., three-time winner of the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year award, will perform at the Huntington Civic Center March 18. Tickets go on sale Saturday.

## Hank returning to Huntington

By Rob Bastianelli  
Reporter

Hank Williams Jr., will bring his "Lone Wolfe" tour to Huntington March 18.

Reserved seat tickets go on sale Saturday at the Huntington Civic Center and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets cost \$18.50.

Williams last played in Huntington Oct. 14, 1988. "He played to a packed house," according to Teresa Ferguson, administrative secretary at the civic center. "He really puts on a great show," she said.

"Bocephus (Williams) is great in concert," Brian Curfman, Fairview senior, said. "(There is) Good music and a lot of good-looking country women in boots."

The 40-year-old Williams has led an up-and-down life, going from the biggest grossing show in country music in 1969 to nearly dropping out of site during an alcohol addiction in 1974. It appeared Williams would follow his father's legacy of living hard and dying young.

After recovering from his addictions in 1976, he released the album "Hank Williams Jr. and

Friends," which was named one of the year's best albums by Rolling Stone and The Village Voice magazines.

In the past 10 years, Williams has won 16 songwriting honors, had 10 number one singles, and recorded 13 number one albums.

Williams has been named Entertainer of the Year by the Academy of Country Music each of the last three years and two times by the Country Music Association.

Sawyer Brown and The Kentucky Headhunters will be the special guests for the show, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

### Vocal recital in Smith tonight

Music will fill Smith Recital Hall at 8 p.m. today when two music education majors share a vocal recital.

Joni K. Sutherland, Barboursville senior, and John M. Curtis, Huntington senior, will perform as part of fulfilling their requirement for a bachelor's degree in music.

Sutherland, a soprano, is a student of Dr. Larry W. Stickler, assistant professor of music. Her performance will include works by Handel, Mozart and Haydn.

Curtis, a baritone, is a student of Dr. Paul A. Balshaw, dean of the College of Fine Arts. His performance will include music from Handel's "Messiah" and works by Debussy and Vaughan Williams.

The recital is free and open to the public.